

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

MAXWELL KADEL; JASON FLECK;  
CONNOR THONEN-FLECK, by his next  
friends and parents, JASON FLECK and  
ALEXIS THONEN; JULIA MCKEOWN;  
MICHAEL D. BUNTING, JR.; C.B., by his  
next friends and parents, MICHAEL D.  
BUNTING, JR. and SHELLEY K. BUNTING;  
and SAM SILVAINE,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

DALE FOLWELL, in his official capacity as  
State Treasurer of North Carolina; DEE  
JONES, in her official capacity as Executive  
Administrator of the North Carolina State  
Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees;  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT  
CHAPEL HILL; NORTH CAROLINA  
STATE UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO;  
and NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH  
PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE  
EMPLOYEES,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00272

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL APPEARANCE**

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(d), please take notice of the special appearance of Omar Gonzalez-Pagan of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., as counsel of record for all Plaintiffs in the above-captioned civil action.

Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan certifies that he is an active member in good standing of the State Bars of Massachusetts and New York. Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan further certifies that he understands that, by entering an appearance, he submits to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Court for any misconduct in connection with the above-captioned civil action for which he is specially appearing and that he will ensure that an attorney who is familiar with the case and has authority to control the litigation will be at all conferences, hearings, trials, and other proceedings.

Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan is appearing in the above-captioned civil action in association with Amy E. Richardson of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP. Ms. Richardson is an active member in good standing of the bar of this Court. Ms. Richardson certifies that she will remain responsible to this Court for the conduct of the litigation and acknowledges that she must sign all pleadings and papers, except for certificates of service. Ms. Richardson further certifies she will be present during pretrial conferences, potentially dispositive proceedings, and at trial.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, hereby certify that on March 11, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing NOTICE OF SPECIAL APPEARANCE with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, and have verified that such filing was sent electronically using the CM/ECF system to all parties who have appeared with an email address of record.

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